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JAPAN POTTERY EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (JPEA) RECENTLY ANNOUNCED QUOTAS FOR SECOND HALF JFY 73 CERAMIC TILE EXPORTS TO U.S. AND CANADA. QUOTAS WHICH ARE SAME AS FOR FIRST HALF OF JFY 73 ARE AS FOLLOWS: MOSAIC TILE 49.9 MILLION SQUARE FEET TO U.S. AND CANADA (NO FURTHER BREAKDOWN GIVEN); WALL TILE

22.5 MILLION SQUARE FEET
TO U.S. IN MAKING QUOTA ANNOUNCEMENT, JPEA SPOKESMAN STATED THAT, DUE TO DECLINING DEMAND IN OVERSEAS MARKETS AND INCREASED COMPETITION FROM KOREA IN THOSE MARKETS, SHIPMENTS FROM JAPAN DURING SECOND HALF JFY 73 WILL PROBABLY FALL BELOW QUOTA FIGURE.

OF SOME INTEREST IS PRODUCTION QUOTA FOR SECOND HALF OF JFY 73 ANNOUNCED AT SAME TIME BY NATIONAL MOSAIC TILE MANUFACTURES ASSOCIATION (NMTMA). PRODUCERS HAVE SET 36 MILLION SQUARE FEET AS PRODUCTION QUOTA FOR U.S. SHIPMENT. LOWER FIGURE SET BY PRODUCERS DUE IN PART OF EXISTING STOCKS, BUT MORE TO FEAR OF OVERPRODUCTION. PROHIBITION ON INSTALLATION OF NEW KILNS, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE EARLY 1971, SCHEDULED TO BE RELAXED IN OCTOBER 1973, BUT NMTMA SEES LITTLE PROSPECT IT
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